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A New Mass Setting

***Mass of Renewal* by William Gokelman and David Kauffman awarded first place by National Association of Pastoral Musician (NPM) Members**

Detroit, MI. July 16, 2010 - The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) announced today that *Mass of Renewal* www.massofrenewal.com by William Gokelman and David Kauffman of San Antonio, Texas, was voted the winner of a new Mass setting competition sponsored by NPM.

Over the last 10 months, more than 150 entries were submitted from which a panel of five independent judges selected four finalists. The final four compositions were sung by and then voted on by all 2,000+ NPM members (choir directors and music ministers) who attended the national convention last week in Detroit, MI.

“Our hope was to write a musical setting of the mass that wouldn’t get in the way of the prayer experience,” said Bill Gokelman, co-writer of this new setting and Chairman of the Music department at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX.

“It was so easy to sing. And so beautiful!” said Sally Mondella from Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Lake Charles, LA. “This is the mass setting that will help our community pray.”

Gokelman and Kauffman’s composition may be sung with various combinations of instruments, including guitar, piano, organ, brass, and even full orchestra. It may be sung by a congregation alone or with the participation of an SATB choir.

This new English translation of the Catholic Mass is expected to be implemented in late 2011 throughout the English speaking world.

Mass of Renewal will be published by and available through San Antonio based Good For The Soul Music™ as well as other select distribution partners and publishers.

Audio, video and print samples will be available soon at www.massofrenewal.com

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